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large crowd of demonstrators

A large crowd gathers outside the courthouse in Prescott, Ariz., April 5 to protest against U.S. President Donald Trump's administration. Opponents of Trump and billionaire Elon Musk rallied across the U.S. to protest the administration’s actions on government downsizing, the economy, human rights and other issues. (OSV News/Bob Roller)



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On April 5, an estimated 3 million people marched in "Hands Off!" events, protesting every aspect of the Trump administration's policies. More than 1,300 demonstrations were held around the U.S., covering all 50 states, organizers said.

"Contrary to what a lot of people see or think, there is more protest and resistance to Trump than you see or read in the mainstream media," says Eric Stoner, editor of WagingNonviolence.org



Eric Stoner is editor of WagingNonviolence.org. (Courtesy of Eric Stoner)

People are indeed taking to the streets and resisting Donald Trump's corporate injustice, rising authoritarianism and global chaos.

This week on "The Nonviolent Jesus Podcast," I speak with my friend Eric Stoner, founding editor of WagingNonviolence.org, an independent nonprofit media platform that covers social movements and grassroots activism around the world on all issues of justice, disarmament and creation. Since 2009, it has published original reporting on nonviolent action from contributors throughout the world.

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Eric and friends started this clearinghouse of nonviolent movements in the 2000s from scratch. Today, Eric says, the site regularly draws more than 100,000 readers a month, looking for news about people power movements that you will never hear on

the mainstream media.

I ask Eric about the growing resistance to rising authoritarianism and oligarchy, as well as stories of grassroots movements from around the world, and his own changing understanding of nonviolence. "Boycotting is the most important tool in protesting," he says, "hands down."

Covering the world from the perspective of nonviolence actually gives him hope, he tells me, because so many people are struggling hard for positive social change.

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